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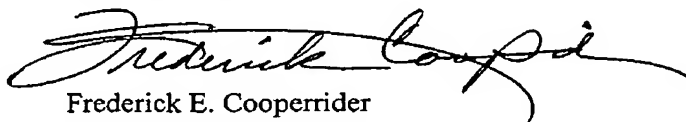
Re: Statement of Substance of Interview
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/601,310
Attorney Docket No. NGB.256 (T36-156800M/RS)

Examiner Le:

Enclosed is a Statement of Substance of Interview, which we request be made of record, for the telephone interview conducted on November 10/11, 2005.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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In re Application of

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Filed: June 23, 2003

Examiner: Le, D. A.

For: SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the requirement that a statement of the substance of an interview be placed in the record, Applicants hereby submit the following.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge Examiner Le for taking time from his busy schedule to conduct a telephone interview on November 10, 2005, for the above-referenced Application. The interview was courteous and professional, and it is believed by Applicants' representative that prosecution has been advanced because of this interview.

Concerning the substance of the interview, the Examiner indicated that all claims would be in condition for allowance if claim 8 were to be merged into independent claim 7 and Figures 27A-C, 28, 29, 30A-B, 31, and 36A-B (Applicants suspect the Examiner intended to mean 26A-B) would be labeled "Prior Art".

Upon evaluation of the Examiner's suggestion by Applicants, Applicants' representative called the Examiner today, November 11, 2005, to request that the Examiner's rationale for the necessity of combining claim 8 into claim 7 be placed on record via a formal rejection, since it is not apparent why such claim amendment would be necessary, based on the prior art currently of record. Moreover, the request to label the identified figures as "Prior

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Art” does not seem at this time appropriate to the Applicants, since at least some of the figures address information considered confidential to Applicants’ company and, therefore, not considered as publically available, although the label “Related Art” might be more appropriate. Examiner Le acknowledged the Applicants’ feedback to his request.

11/11/05

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